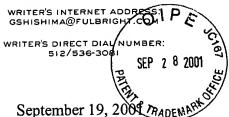


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- (1) A Response to Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application filed under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) mailed July 26, 2001;
- (2) Declaration of Richard C. Conrad;
- (3) Power of Attorney;
- (4) Copy of Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application filed under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)-Filing Date Granted;
- (5) Information Disclosure Statement;
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- (b) A Power of Attorney on behalf of AMBION, INC.;
- (c) Our check in the amount of \$820.00 to cover the basic filing fee (\$355 utility small entity); surcharge for late filing (\$65.00); and additional claims fee (\$400.00); and

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